SUBJECT No. 482.

Grant to the Bangalore City Municipality.

Mr. B. K. Garudachar, City Municipal Council, Bangalore.

Summary of discussion.—The City Improvement Committee which has been formed is working for the last two years. For want of funds, no appreciable improvement can be made. Requests that a sum of Rs. 50,000 a year may be given for a period of ten years. Including the Municipal Funds available, the Committee will then be able to improve the City.

Reply of Government.—A grant from State Funds is impossible.

SUBJECT No. 483.

Water tax on shop-keepers.

Mr. B. K. Garudachar, City Municipal Council, Bangalore.

Summary of discussion.—In the Municipal Regulation of 1906 provision has been made for the levy of water tax on *buildings in general.* Interpreting this literally, the tax is proposed to be levied on all buildings in the City with the result that the incidence of the tax falls twice over on shop-keepers. It is submitted that this is a great hardship and the Regulation requires to be modified.

Reply of Government.—Recorded.

SUBJECT No. 484.

Extension of Railway in Bangalore City.

Mr. K. Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The City of Bangalore is being extended day by day and many people reside in the extensions. It is difficult to get conveyances (jutkas) in the extensions to go to the Railway Station at late hours during the nights. In the absence of a system of tramways, a branch railway line may be opened connecting the City Station with Chamarajpet and Basavangudi. This will be a great help to the people residing in Upparahalli, Mavalli, Basavangudi, Chamarajpet, Fort, Siddikatte, Sigebeli and other places.

Reply of Government.—If statistics of goods traffic, etc., are collected and given, the matter will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 485.

Water-supply at Ghati Subrahmanya.

Mr. Alampalli Adinaranayya Chetty, Dodballapur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—During the annual car festival of Sri Ghati Subrahmanyaswami, a very large number of cattle and men collect at the place. Repeated requests are being made for many years past for water-supply to the place. There is enough money available in the Devasthanam Fund. The construction of a tank may therefore be expedited.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 486.

Magadi road.

Mr. K. Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—When the subject of the restoration of the Bangalore-Magadi road, which has become impassable for men and animals on account of the high ascents and descents, was brought up for discussion last year, the Government were pleased to reply that the subject would be considered, provided a representation was submitted from the District Board. A representation was sent some time ago and the Government may kindly give this subject the consideration it deserves.

Reply of Government.—It is not possible to sanction a State grant.